# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3418
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STAY OF CREW MEMBERS OF AIR INDIA
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Centaur Hotel in Delhi is run by the Hotel Corporation of India and is a subsidiary of Air India;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Air India flight crew members do not stay in this Hotel and prefer to stay in the Intercontinental Hotel and the Ashoka Hotel;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Air India has booked some rooms permanently in the Intercontinental Hotel and Ashoka Hotel;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount paid to each of these hotels by Air India per month;

(f) whether passengers of cancelled and delayed Air India flights are stayed at Centaur Hotel; and (g) if so, the measures taken by the Government to ensure that Air India flight crew members stay in the Centaur Hotel only?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c):- In 1993, the B747 sets of Air India`s crew had moved out ofCentaur Hotel, Delhi due to deteriorating conditions. The Airbus sets have been staying. Presently, one set of Airbus 310 crew is staying four days a week based on the pattern of the crew layover.

(d) and (e): Air India occupies approximately 60 rooms per day in Ashoka Hotel for accommodating Cabin Crew operating 747 flights. Air India has also signed a contract with Inter-Continental Hotel for a period of one year from 01 December, 1999 to 30 November, 2000 for a guaranteed booking of 15 rooms for operating crew. The number of rooms booked varies every year as per the pattern of operation. The details of amount paid to each of these hotels by Air India per month are:-

Hotel Intercontinental for operating crew - Rs.23 lacs

Hotel Ashoka for Cabin Crew - Rs.90 lacs

(f) and (g): Yes, Sir. Since HCI is subsidiary of Air India, the passengers of cancelled and delayed flights are put up at Centaur Hotel as first preference. With the initiation of several steps to improve the infrastructure and facilities including renovation of 100 rooms at Centaur Hotel, Delhi, HCI is in dialogue with Air India to shift the crew back to Centaur Hotel.